

children are being sent yearly behind the Iron Curtain for brainwashing in order to turn them into other Lee Harvey Oswalds, assassins without conscience, capable of shooting down their own brothers for the good of the Communist party. We can not fold our arms and wait until the mentality of our children has been completely destroyed.

When we learn of the hundreds of Cubans being killed before the bloody "paredon" (wall) we feel repulsion for those who want to stop us from fighting for our country.

When we learn of the thousands of Cubans that have died trying to leave our now intolerably enslaved island, in little boats or worse, we feel pity for the souls of those who have been accomplices in bringing about our tragedy and, worse still, who even today can not decide to give us their open support.

Do Not Forsake Freedom

The Cuban today in Cuba prays daily to God that his brothers in America do not forget him, do not forsake him. They cannot accept that a people who can send their boys to far away jungles, to die in the defense of a distant nation against the threat of an Asiatic giant, can show cowardice before the insults and actual threat of a Fidel Castro, ignore the plea of a people traditionally and geographically far closer to America, and turn their back on them. The Cuban that is still in Cuba today has faith in the American people, knowing that it has a well-earned reputation for valor, ready to prove it before any odds for its freedom and its principles, and for those with whom they ally; it is because of this courage that they have become the greatest power in the world.

WHILE YOU ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM AND SELF-GOVERNMENT your Cuban brothers are suffering from tyranny, persecution, torture, and death, for only trying to regain that very same freedom and self-government and, in the process, help you maintain yours. And when they are facing death before a firing squad, a horrible thought may come to their mind: "Have we been betrayed by our friends?" Thousands of Cubans are suffering the torture of this doubt during the last moments of their lives. Perhaps some

American soldiers offering their lives for our principles, yours and ours, have felt the same doubts on the last moments of their life; more still, millions of Latin Americans wonder as well, why you can't or won't act on behalf of your brother Cubans in their moment of need.

International Treaties

We only ask the Government of the U.S.A. to honor the international treaties to which it has subscribed together with Cuba, before the latter was delivered to Communism.

Having no legal representation before the United Nations, we, the Cuban exiles, can not appeal to that organization now; besides, we can hardly hope for help from, or waste our efforts with, an organization that is at present sending to Fidel Castro millions of dollars paid by American taxpayers - money used to buy bullets with which Cubans are being murdered.

Fidel Castro has violated each and all of the fundamental precepts of the Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations; still, that organization permits the massacre of a people that does not want to be enslaved by the Communist, even after seven continuous years of this horror-filled experience.

We have no other recourse than to appeal to the American people; beg of you for help to reconquer our country betrayed by international Communists. You and only you, have in your hands the means which would stop the extermination of the Cuban people.

Will America Wake Up Too Late?

Cuba was betrayed; do not wait until a betrayal like this can be carried out within the United States of America. We who have had the misfortune of knowing the insides of the Communist monster, whether Cubans, Ukrainians, Estonians, Hungarians, Czechoslovaks, Rumanians, Latvians, Tibetans, Koreans, Bulgarians, Yugoslavs, Chinese, or Vietnamese, we beg you for your help and demand compliance with your Christian obligation to help defeat Godless, anti-Christ Communism.

The Cuban Student Directorate

When Castro took power in January 1959, some Cuban students felt that his revolution was not as nationalistic as some foreign observers were propagandizing. For that reason, when the Communist Czar Anastas Mikoyan visited Havana, just a few months after the success of the Castro revolution, a group of young students held a rally in front of the statue of the Cuban hero Jose Marti, in the Central Park of Havana, protesting Mikoyan's presence at the statue. The students were attacked by Castro's communist police, some were wounded, and all went to prison. Their leader was Alberto Muller. After they were released from prison Muller went in exile to the United States. Before he departed, the Cuban Student Directorate had been completely organized as the most efficient anti-Communist underground movement at that time.

Just a few weeks before the Bay of Pigs invasion Alberto Muller landed in Cuba to start an insurrectional movement inside our island. Abandoned and betrayed by those who assured him of help, he was made a prisoner by the Cuban Communist army. After a kangaroo trial he was sentenced to 20 years in jail and he is serving this punishment with the courage of a patriot. He has yet to raise his voice to condemn those who abandoned and betrayed him.

On August 1962, the Cuban Student Directorate carried out the first commando attack against the Communist regime. Two speed boats of the movement entered Havana Harbor and shelled a hotel where some Russian officers were at a conference. Up to then the press was trying to disprove our documented claims that Russian troops were already in Cuba. Our denunciation of the Russian missile bases in Cuba brought on the October 1962 "missile crisis."

The Cuban Student Directorate in New Orleans was the organization which identified Lee Harvey Oswald as a Castro agent. At that time we also demanded a Congressional investigation of Oswald's activities. Three months later Oswald assassinated President Kennedy.

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WILL THE UNITED STATES WAKE UP BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE?

A MESSAGE FROM PATRIOTIC CUBAN EXILES

Cuba Was A Peaceful Paradise

Allow me to take only a few minutes of your daily, peaceful life to explain the feelings of a people that finds itself betrayed and abandoned by those who were believed to be its friends and brothers.

My country, since its independence in 1902, had become a real terrestrial paradise* with which all of those who had an opportunity to admire its beauty without equal, fell deeply in love.

We Cubans placed our country right at the top, among the Latin American nations; this we did with our work, our effort, and our native intelligence.

Many lies have been told regarding our economic and social situation before Cuba was surrendered to International Communism.

The U.S. State Department echoed those lies with its shameful "white paper" in which reference was made to the need of a social and economic revolution in Cuba, which revolution according to them was betrayed by Fidel Castro.

The State Department's "white paper" was a surprise for many, but not for those of us who have seen how, within the State Department, certain individuals went all the way to support Fidel Castro's efforts to gain power in Cuba, in spite of the fact that the U.S. Government had indisputable information concerning the pro-Communist ideology of Castro and of his closest collaborators.

Earl T. Smith, Ambassador to Cuba, in testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, stated: "I have been asked many times what part if any the United States played in Castro's and the Communist rise to power in Cuba. The U.S. Government agencies and the U.S.

*According to statistics supplied by the United Nations, Cuba in 1958, before the Communist take-over, enjoyed the lowest mortality rates for both adults and children in Latin America. Cuba held 8th place in industrial salaries, and 7th place in agricultural salaries in the entire world. Cuba held third place in per capita income in Latin America.

press played a major role in bringing Castro to power."

Conspiracy To Betray Cuba

When the political situation under Batista became chaotic, the U.S. State Department actually assisted Fidel Castro to power, although some officials had already classified him as an agitator with Communist tendencies since 1949! Because of blindness or worse in the State Department Cuba was delivered on a silver platter to International Communism.

"Cuba was handed to Castro and the Communists by a combination of Americans in the same way that China was handed to the Communists," Senators James O. Eastland of Mississippi and Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut concluded in a statement released to the press on September 11, 1960.

The U.S. State Department could have tried for an "O.A.S." intervention, as President Lyndon B. Johnson did when the Castroites tried to take over in the Dominican Republic. The U.S. State Department could have found another political solution in Cuba, rather than surrendering it to the tyrants of International Communism.

As a result of these schemings, by some U.S. Congressmen and members of the State Department, the Cubans now sadly count in the thousands, the victims assassinated by the Communist "liberators" whose those U.S. Government officials helped in this unprecedented invasion and conquest of Cuba.

Early in 1959, a Boston stockbroker wrote to his Congressman, Laurence Curtis, questioning the wisdom of allowing Castro to come to the United States and address colleges and other groups in view of his alleged Communist background. Congressman Curtis replied that he was turning the letter over to Representative Charles O. Porter "because as a member of the House Foreign Relations Committee he has a particular interest in that area."

Porter's reply to Curtis contained this paragraph: "No one in the State Depart-

ment believes Castro is a Communist, or a Communist sympathizer, nor does any other responsible person who wants to get his facts straight." This letter was written in June 1959.

Conspiracy Against The Cuban Refugees

With the Communist takeover, the most prolonged and voluminous exodus in history was initiated by the Cuban people. More than a million Cubans have left or escaped from their island home because life was impossible under the Communist regime.

More than 95% of these Cubans have become refugees almost exclusively because of their desire for freedom and self-government, hoping some day to be able to help Cuba from abroad, hoping to help and find help to break the red chains which are now strangling the Cuban people! We came here to find ways to liberate our country, not to disown our birthright and our homeland, and not to "try to find and learn a new life."

Our patriotism and our deep felt Christian spirit would not allow us to desist from every effort to liberate our Cuba; those who advise relaxation in this purpose are not patriots, defenders of the principles and beliefs of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, nor have they the most elementary awareness of the obligation instilled in us by the spirit of Christianity.

The first refugees settled in Florida, mainly in the City of Miami. Later, they were advised that it was not convenient to have so many Cubans living in one city; therefore, relocation. We were scattered throughout the cities and towns of this great nation; perhaps some thought that in this manner we could not demand so strongly the solution of our problem.

In our exile we find ourselves divided; ideological differences were encouraged among people that, being victims of Communism, were becoming victims of their confusion, allowing themselves to be pawns of those who divided us.

Our so-called "friends" were not satisfied in dividing us; they started then to persecute us. Judicial processes were established against those Cubans who only wanted to offer their lives to the liberation of their country.

All this without going into the shameful betrayal to our brothers in that catastrophic invasion of the Bay of Pigs. We know too well that the American people are not to be blamed for these things, particularly for the Bay of Pigs. We are quite cognizant of the fact that, if it were up to the American people, Cuba would be free today and Fidel Castro would be only a worse-than-usual page in the history of dictators.

We can not even blame President Kennedy, who was talked into such wrong decisions by the leftist advisors who, during his term of office, so much benefited Fidel Castro. It could be said that Kennedy was another victim of the conspiracy against the Cuban people. When Kennedy became aware that Castro was an evil influence who had to be eliminated from the Latin American panorama, and started taking steps to that end, he was dealt death by the mercenary bullets of Communist Lee Harvey Oswald, who had been a Fidel Castro agent in this very city of New Orleans. Kennedy's death left dictator Castro with ample opportunity to pursue his ambition for continental expansion.

Situation of The Cuban In Today's Cuba

But we can not let up on our efforts. Day by day we learn more and more about the awful conditions of the Cuban people, of new arrests, new oppressions, new assassinations.

When we learn that new concentration camps have been established, under the initials "UMAP" for a name that tries to disguise their real purpose, and where over 50,000 Cubans are living under horrible conditions for "political" disagreements with the Communist regime, we can hardly feel respect for those who ask us to be calm and do nothing.

When we know that thousands of Cuban